GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1087
ANSWERED ON:25.02.2003
ANGANWADI CENTRES
M.H. AMBAREESH

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadi Centres working at present in the country and particularly in the State of Karnataka as on date;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Karnataka has been requesting the Centre for sanctioning more Anganwadi Centres in the State to cover the increasing population of children in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Central Government have taken any steps to improve the condition of Anganwadi workers in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA)

(a) As on 30.9.2002, there are 578457 operational Anganwadi Centres in the Country, including 40249 in the State of Karnataka.

(b)&(c) Yes, Sir. The Government of Karnataka had requested for 11313 additional Anganwadi Centres. However, no expansion activity under the ICDS Scheme has been approved in the X Plan, due to resource constraints. This position has been intimated to the State Government.

(d),(e)&(f) Yes, Sir. The Government has recently increased the honoraria of Anganwadi Workers by Rs.500/- and of Anganwadi Helpers by Rs.240/- per month, with effect from 1.4.2002.